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Notes for the Journey

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Advent

Last Sunday, November 27 was the first Sunday of the Advent Season.

Advent is the beginning of the church year when we spend time preparing our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Let me encourage you to do just that—spend the season preparing your heart to celebrate His Birth. This year will be special in that Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, so we will have the opportunity to gather and worship on that very special day.

Christmas Outreach Meal

Just about 3 weeks before preparations will begin for the Christmas Outreach Meal at the Immanuel United Methodist Church. They begin on December 22 and will deliver the meal on Christmas Eve morning.

As in the past they will need cakes for dessert. If you can provide a cake, please deliver it on December 23.

Help on each day will be greatly appreciated. There's lots of cooking and cleanup for an undertaking like this. Go any time and they will put you to work.



Concert

December 3 at 7:00pm
OCC Performing Arts Center

Thought of the Week

This past Sunday was the first Sunday in Advent. Advent is a time of preparing our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior. We live in a world that seems to be in need of words of encouragement, hope and goodness. The prophet Isaiah's words about the birth of Christ do just that. In Isaiah 9:2, 6 he says:

"The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
On those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

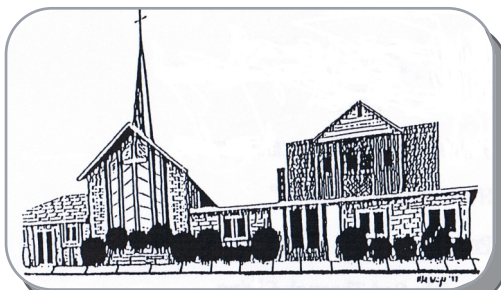
Take time to reflect on these verses. Think about what it means for Him to be your Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.

Ponder and embrace these words, making them yours. Then as the reality of who He is sets in, be encouraged that He is the one who has come to bring light into a dark world.

May His light become real to you and spread to all those you meet.

Lectionary Scripture

(for December 4, 2016)
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12



Mission

A community of believers
endeavoring to live and love
as Jesus taught.
Come—Experience
Community!

